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1. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS DECEMBER 22, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA SOUGHT RECONFIRMATION OF JAN 19-20 DATES FOR MID-TERM REVIEW. GLIGA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MAY VISIT MOSCOW IN LATTER HALF OF JANUARY AND WONDERED IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN VISIT. IF HARTMAN NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW TALKS GLIGA SAID GOR PREPARED TO POSTPONE THEM UNTIL FEBRUARY. WE ASSURED HIM OUR UNDERSTANDING TALKS STILL SCHEDULED FOR JAN 19-20. PLEASE CONFIRM WITH US AND ROMANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

2. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED FOR GLIGA HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AND CITED THE SORT OF PROBLEMS WHICH POOR ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE CAN PRODUCE IN A TIGHT BUDGETARY ATMOSPHERE. HE ALSO ASKED THAT GLIGA GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO THE SUGGESTION RAISED BY CU/EE DIRECTOR RICHMOND FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY BETWEEN CATEGORIES IN ARTICLE I SO AS TO PRECLUDE LOSS OF FUNDS. GLIGA NOTED MFA IS CURRENTLY CONSULTING WITH OTHER GOR AGENCIES INVOLVED IN EXCHANGES AND EXPECTS MFA WILL HAVE COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR TALKS

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BY APPROXIMATELY JAN 10. HE SAID HE WOULD INVITE AMBASSADOR

AND EMBOFFS MEET HIM AGAIN AT THAT TIME. GLIGA SAID HE PREFERRED NOT TO MAKE "PROMISES AT THIS STATE ON THE BASIS OF PROMISES OF OTHERS" UNTIL HE HAD COMPLETED HIS REVIEW, BUT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WELL THE NEED TO BE REAWSSTIC. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD DEFER ANY COMMENTS ON US PERFORMANCE UNDER THE AGREEMENT UNTIL OUR JANUARY MEETING.

3. RE HIS US TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH REVIEW TALKS, GLIGA POINTED OUT THAT HIGHEST PRIROITY IS FOR TALKS WITH DEPARTMENT AND OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGENCIES WHILE IN WASHINGTON. HE NOTED THAT HIS EARLIER VISIT (DECEMBER 1971) WAS ESSENTIALLY OF A "PROTOCOLARY NATURE" AND THAT HE HOPED THE FORTHCOMING VISIT WOULD BE WEIGHTED IN TERMS OF SUBSTANCE.

4. GLIGA ANTICIPATES US ARRIVAL AROUND JAN 18 TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR JAN 19-20 TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH US OFFICIALS AND OTHERS IN WASHINGTON. TOTAL TIME IN US TO BE ABOUT ONE WEEK. HE WANTS TO VISIT NEW YORK FOR ONE DAY OR LESS FOR CONSULTATION WITH GOR DEL TO UN AND ROMANIAN LIBRARY, AS WELL AS VISIT NEW BUILDING ROMANIANS ARE PLANNING TO USE TO HOUSE ALL GOR OFFICES (E.G., TAROM, UN MISSION, COMMERCIAL OFFICE, LIBRARY, ETC.).

5. AMBASSADOR MADE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR WASHINGTON CALLS AND SAID NEW YORK SHOULD DEFINITELY INCLUDE DISCUSSION AT IREX WITH ALLAN KASSOFF. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED A TRIP TO RENNSSALAER POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND TO UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHAMPAGNE-URBANA (KEITH HITCHENS) IN ORDER TO GET VIEW OF INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN EXCHANGES WITH ROMANIA AND SOME OF THEIR PROBLEMS. AMBASSADOR MADE THESE SUGGESTIONS AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THOSE WHO HAVE MOST POTENTIAL INTEREST IN ROMANIAN EXCHANGES. GLIGA STATED HE WAS OPEN TO ALL SUGGESTIONS FOR ITINERARY, BUT HIS FIRST PRIORITY IS CLEARLY WASHINGTON. SEPTTEL FOLLOWING UFG SUGGESTED SCHEDULE.

6. FYI. FOLLOWING MEETING, MITRAN ASKED DCM TO CLARIFY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATTER OF FINANCING GLIGA TRAVEL AND EXPENSES FOLLOWING CONCLUSION REVIEW TALKS. DCM TOLD HIM OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS GOR WOULD FOOT THE ENTIRE BILL.

7. WE WILL COMMENT FURTHER ON REFTELS C AND D, ONCE WE HAVE NEXT SESSION WITH GLIGA. RE REFTEL C, AS AMBASSADOR STRESSED IN TALK WITH YALE RICHMOND, WE CONTINUE TO FEEL IT IMPORTANT WE IMPROVE OUR OWN RECORD ON DEADLINES

IF WE INTEND TO BE MORE SEVERE ON ROMANIANS.
RE REFTEL B OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT NSF PROGRAM BESET WITH
SOME OF THE SAME DIFFICULTIES AS ARTICLE I, THOUGH ON
SOMEWHAT MORE MANAGEABLE SCALE.
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